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1. CHARLES GROSSENBACHER, CHIEF OF ARMAMENTS PROCUREMENT, FEDERAL MILITARY DEPT, CALLED ME TODAY TO RAISE THE SAME QUESTION COVERED IN REFTEL. HE SAID HE WAS AWARE THAT WE WERE TRYING TO GET A READING ON THE EXTENT OF THE PROBLEM AND WONDERED WHETHER IT WOULD BE HLEPFUL IF AMB PROBST CALLED ON THE APPROPRIATE STATE DEPT OFFICIAL TO "REINFORCE OUR EFFORT".

I TOLD GROSSENBACHER THAT I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BEST IF WE WERE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO STAFF THE QUESTION SO THAT WO COULD BE BETTER PREPARED TO RESPOND TO AMB PROBST. I RPOMISED TO CALL GROSSENBACHER EARLY NEXT WEEK TO TELL HIM WHAT WE HAD LEARNED. GROSSENBACHER SAID HE WOULD ADVISE AMB PROBST ACCORDINGLY AND WOULD AWAIT MY CALL.

2. ACION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH THE BASIS FOR A RESPONSE BY EARLY NEXT WEEK.DAVIS CONFIDENTIAL

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